

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. IVERSON made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 148.]

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Suddard, report:

The petitioner was commissioned as assistant surgeon, United States navy, May 19, 1849, and was entitled, by the act of 1828, (4 Stat., 313,) to an examination for promotion to the grade of passed assistant surgeon May 17, 1854, having been in the navy five years, and seen two years' sea service.

In 1851 he was ordered to the Pacific station, where he was detailed on duty until May, 1855, when he was ordered home. In March, 1856, he passed a satisfactory examination, and received his promotion.

He now asks to be allowed the difference of compensation between an assistant surgeon and a passed assistant surgeon from the 17th of May, 1854, to 9th March, 1856, which he lost in consequence of having been employed on foreign service at the time he was entitled to his examination and promotion.

An act was passed at the last session of Congress for the relief of Surgeon Thomas B. Steele, under precisely similar circumstances.

The committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the relief asked, and report a bill accordingly.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

February 16, 1855.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. IVANSON reads the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 143.]

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James
Bedford, report:

The petition was communicated as assistant surgeon, United States
Army, May 19, 1846, and was entitled, by the act of 1838, (4 Stat.
315,) to an examination for promotion to the grade of passed assistant
surgeon May 17, 1854, having been in the army five years, and been
two years an assistant surgeon.
In 1851 he was ordered to the Pacific station, where he was de-
tached on duty until May, 1855, when he was ordered home. In March,
1855, he passed a satisfactory examination, and received his pro-
motion.

He now asks to be allowed the difference of compensation between
an assistant surgeon and a passed assistant surgeon from the 17th of
May, 1854, to 31st March, 1855, which he claims as compensation
for his employment on foreign service at the time he was on the Pacific
station and promotion.

A bill was passed at the last session of Congress for the relief of
John Thomas B. Biscoe, under precisely similar circumstances.
The committee are of opinion that the petition is entitled to the
same relief, and report a bill accordingly.